READ-ALOUD BOOKS

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GRADES 4-8

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PREFACE

Research in the areas of language and reading development leaves no doubt that reading aloud to children promotes growth in language and in reading abilities. Perhaps more importantly, it helps to instill a love of reading and a sensitivity towards the thoughts and feelings of others.

This list has been prepared for the purpose of assisting teachers, librarians, and parents in their search for good books to read to their children/students. While these books are suggested as books to be read aloud, the more capable students would enjoy reading many of the titles as independent reading. This is particularly true in cases where an author has written several books or a series. One title could be read aloud to introduce the author or series, and then students could be encouraged to read other works by the same author or from the same series.

While attention has been given to the literary quality of the titles included in this list, teachers are reminded that it is their responsibility to read all materials prior to presenting it to students. Since communities differ in their attitudes towards specific topics, teachers are asked to keep local concerns, as well as the maturity of their students, in mind when selecting materials for class use.

GOOD READ-ALOUD BOOKS GRADES 4-8

Aardema, Verna (retold by). Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears: A West African Tale; Illus. by Leo and Diane Dillon, Dial, 1978. (P.B.)

Bold, stylized paintings illustrate this tale of a mosquito who tells a whopping lie, thus setting off a chain of events. Caldecott Medal, 1976. (Gr. 1-4)

Adamson, Joy. Born Free. Collins 1979. (P.B.)
ISBN 0-00-370115-8

A lioness is raised among people and then retrained to return to the wilds of Kenya. Sequels from Harcourt: Living Free: The Story of Elsa and Her Cubs (1961) and Forever Free (1963). For a younger group use: Elsa (1963, Pantheon). (Gr. 4-6)

Aiken, Joan. Tale of A One-Way Street and Other Stories. Penguin, 1984. (P.B.)
ISBN 0-14-031700-7

Short fantasies, beautifully illustrated by Jan Pienkowski, sometimes in a black-and-white silhouette style, sometimes in the most vivid of colours. The print size and vocabulary difficulty are about comparable with Carolyn Haywood books, but the imaginative ingredients are much less predictable. (Gr. 3-5).

Aiken, Joan. The Wolves of Willoughby Chase. Penguin, 1971. (P.B.)
ISBN 0-14-030310-3

Here is Victorian melodrama in high gear: a great English estate surrounded by hungry wolves, two young girls mistakenly left in the care of a wicked, scheming governess, secret passageways and tortured flights through the snow in the dark of night. For experienced listeners.

Sequels:

Black Hearts in Battersea. Penguin, 1968 (P.B.) ISBN 0-14-030345-6
Cuckoo Tree. Penguin, 1973. (P.B.) ISBN 0-14-030616-1
Nightbirds on Nantucket. Penguin, 1969. (P.B.) ISBN 0-14-030346-4
Stolen Lake. Cape, 1981. ISBN 0-224-01924-4 Penguin, 1983.
ISBN 0-14-031505-5

Related Books:

Burnett, Frances H. Sara Crewe. Scholastic, 1986. (P.B.)
ISBN 0-590-33980-X

Burnett, Frances H. The Secret Garden. Lippincott Junior, 1985. (repr. 1962 ed.) ISBN 0-397-30632-6

Wallace, Barbara B. Peppermints in the Parlor. Atheneum, 1985. (P.B.) ISBN 0-689-71048-8

Alexander, Lloyd. The Book of Three, Collins, 1973. (P.B.) ISBN 0-00-670592-8

Taran, the assistant pig-keeper, wants to become a hero, and sets out on a hazardous mission to save Prydain from the forces of evil. This fantasy is full of both delightful and loathesome characters, and is fast-paced and entertaining. Sequels: The Prydain Chronicles: The Black Cauldron, The Castle of Llyr, Taran Wanderer, The High King. (Gr. 5-7).

Alexander, Lloyd. The Town Cats and Other Tales. Dell, 1981. (P.B.) ISBN 0-440-48989-4

Eight tales featuring cats, princesses, fiddlers, cobblers and kings. It is written in the manner of European folk tales. (all ages).

Andersen, Hans Christian. The Little Match Girl. Illustrated by Blair Lent Houghton, 1968. (P.B.)

The touching story of the lonely, shivering little match girl who sees visions in the flames of the matches she cannot sell. Takes place in Copenhagen Christmas Eve. (Gr. 3-6)

Andersen, Hans Christian. Thumbelina. Illus. by Susan Jeffers. Dial, 1985. (P.B.) ISBN 0-8037-0232-0

Soft, delicate pictures add another dimension to the well-loved tale. (Gr. 3-6).

Ardizzone, Edward. Little Tim and the Brave Sea Captain. Kestrell Books, 1982. ISBN 0-7226-5801

For more than forty years, Little Tim has enchanted and inspired children on both sides of the Atlantic. Each story provides children with the opportunity to achieve all the heroic tasks they dream about. All the books in the series follow Little Tim and one of his friends on a seafaring adventure filled with peril, during which the child overcomes great odds, and after which returns to the warmth and security of home. They are simple adventure stories--stories that are really impossible anywhere but in these books and in children's imaginations.

Tim All Alone. Oxford, 1982 ISBN 0-19-272125-9

Tim and Charlotte. Oxford, 1981 (P.B.) ISBN 0-19-272118-6

Tim and Ginger. Oxford, 1981 ISBN 0-19-272113-5

Tim's Friend Towser. Oxford, 1981 ISBN 0-19-272112-4

Tim's Last Voyage. Macmillan, 1984 (P.B.) ISBN 0-333-37139-9

Tim to the Lighthouse. Oxford, 1979 ISBN 0-19-272107-0

Angell, Judie. A Word From Our Sponsor Or My Friend Alfred. Dell, 1981. (P.B.)

Alfred Caro, a junior scientist, and Rudy Sugarman, A TV buff, become involved in the advertising industry when they discover that a free cup has lead in the glaze. They call various organizations to try to get the cup off the market. A group called "Help Our Children Grow" joins their cause. TV coverage gets spectacular and upsetting results because Alfred's dad works for an advertising company that handles the company giving away the cup. (Gr. 4-6).

Atwater, Richard. Mr. Popper's Penguins. Dell, 1978. (P.B.)
ISBN 0-440-45934-6

Mr. Popper, an out-of-work painter, inherits a flock of penguins who go on to fame and fortune in the world of show business. (Gr. 2-6).

Babbitt, Natalie. The Search for Delicious. Avon, 1974. (P.B.)
ISBN 0-380-01541-2

Here is a small masterpiece: fantasy and the English language as they were meant to be written. After a nasty argument among the King, Queen, and their court over the correct meaning of the word "delicious," the Prime Minister's adopted son is dispatched to poll the kingdom and determine the real meaning of the word. Other Babbitt titles include Newbery Honor book Kneeknock Rise (Farrar, 1970) and Goody Hall, (Farrar, 1971) (Gr.4-6).

Barbeau, M. The Golden Phoenix and Other French-Canadian Fairy Tales.
Oxford, 1981. (P.B.)
ISBN 0-19-540345-2

"The Princess of Tomboso" is especially appealing to listeners and will lead children to read the rest of the book as well as other folk tales. (Gr. 4-6).

Baum, L. Frank. The Wizard of Oz. Illus. by W. W. Denslow. Penguin, 1983. (Orig. pub. in 1900) (P.B.)
ISBN 0-1403001-2

The adventures of Dorthy who in her dreams escapes from her bed in Kansas to visit the Emerald City and the Wizard of Oz to get help for herself, the Tin Man, the Scarecrow and the Cowardly Lion. (Gr. 3-6).

Bennett, Jay. The Dangling Witness. (Dell, 1974). (P.B.)
ISBN 0-440-91669-0

Story of a boy who witnesses a murder, and is torn between what is right and what is wrong - should he report having witnessed the murder? How did the "people" in his life affect his decision? (Gr. 7-8).

Bishop, Claire H. Twenty and Ten. Penguin, 1978. (P.B.)
ISBN 0-14-031076-2

Ten Jewish children are hiding and running from the Nazis. Twenty French children try to help. Suspense, terror and humour. (Gr. 5-6).

Blades, Ann. Boy of Tache. Tundra, 1973. (P.B.)
ISBN 0-88776-023-6

Charlie, an Indian Boy, lives in the Northern British Columbia wilderness. When he goes with his grandparents to trap beaver, his grandfather becomes ill and Charlie finds that only his skill can save his grandfather's life. Because his grandfather is taken to hospital Charlie will have to tend the beaver traps in future. A very sensitive story, written simply, of modern life on an Indian reservation. (Gr. 2-6).

Blades, Ann. Mary of Mile 18. Tundra, 1971. (P.B.)
ISBN 0-370-01804-4

A heart-warming story about a little girl, Mary, who lives in a tiny Northern-Canadian Mennonite settlement called Mile 18 off the Alaska Highway. One night she hears the crackling of the Northern Lights and feels that something special will happen. Next day Mary finds a part-wolf pup but her father forbids her to keep it because it cannot contribute in any way to the family's livelihood. However, an event takes place that makes him change his mind. A beautifully illustrated story of the isolation and loneliness of the lives of northern children where winter is seven months long. (Gr. 1-6).

Bond, Nancy. A String in the Harp. Atheneum, 1976.
ISBN 0-689=50036-X

Ancient harp key carries boy back in time to the life of a legendary Welsh bard. (Gr. 6+).

Bonham, F. Mystery of the Fat Cat. Dell, 1971. (P.B.)
ISBN 0-440-46226-6

First two chapters set the stage for an exciting mystery story in which the whole Boys Club is out to prove that a certain rich cat is an imposter.

Borland, Hal. When the Legends Die. Bantom, 1972. (P.B.)
ISBN 0-553-24696-8

Hardened Ute Indian who grew up tough and returns to his birthplace. (Gr.6+).

Boston, Lucy M. The Children of Green Knowe. Harcourt, Brace, Jovanovitch, 1977. (P.B.)
ISBN 0-15-616870-7

A small, lonely boy comes to live in an old English country house where the chldren who played there generations ago sometimes reappear.

Boston, L.M. River at Green Knowe. Harcourt, Brace, Jovanovitch, 1966
ISBN 0-15-677701-0

Boston, L.M. The Treasure of Green Knowe. Harcourt, Brace, Jovanovitch, 1978 (P.B.)
ISBN 0-15-691302-X Gr. 4-5.

Brill, Edith. The Golden Bird. Penguin, 1982. (P.B.)
ISBN 0-14-030571-8

This book grew out of traditional Polish folk stories to become a fantasy about an old woman named Babka, who has a series of adventures after the golden bird gives her magical powers. The book is illustrated with unique silhouettes. (Gr. 6)

Brink, Coral Ryrie. Caddie Woodlawn. Macmillan, 1970. (P.B.) Newbery Award.
ISBN 0-02-041880-9

Mischievous tomboy growing up in pioneer times. (Gr. 4-7).

Burnett, F.H. The Secret Garden. Dell, 1971.
ISBN 0-440-47706-9

As popular now as it has always been. (Gr. 3-6)
Mary Lennox, a sickly, disagreeable child, discovers a locked secret garden on her uncle's Yorkshire estate. Her growing appreciation of nature and her friendship with Dickon have a profound influence on her physical and emotional well-being. Events in the story date it, but the well-developed plot and superb characterizations have made it a perennial favourite. (Gr. 3-6).

Burnford, Sheila. Bel Ria. Little, 1978.
ISBN 0-30611718-8

With World War II as a background, the story traces the experiences of a dog and four participants in the war - on land and at sea, civilian and military. (Gr. 6+).

Butterworth, O. The Enormous Egg. Dell, 1978. (P.B.)
ISBN 0-440-42376-6

When a dinosaur hatches out of a strange-looking egg the least surprised is the mother hen. Nate had given her a lot of help but was unprepared for the complications of raising a dinosaur. (Gr. 4-6).

Byars, Betsy. The Midnight Fox. Penguin, 1981. (P.B.)
ISBN 0-14-031450-4

Brief glimpses of a rare black fox make a boy's summer at the farm bearable.

Campbell, Maria. Little Badger and the Fire Spirit. McClelland, 1977. (P.B.)
ISBN 0-7710-1884-3

Masterfully illustrated Indian legend of how humans came to have fire.
(Gr. 3-6).

Carroll, L. Alice in Wonderland. Scholastic, 1972. (P.B.)
ISBN 0-590-08503-4

Alice's adventure with the white rabbit after her plunge down the rabbit hole. (Gr. 5-6).

Caudill, Rebecca. Did You Carry the Flag Today, Charley? Illus. by Nancy Grossman. Holt, 1981. (P.B.)
ISBN 0-03-086620-0

An account of a "4 going on 5" year old's first days in a one-room school in Appalachia, where carrying the flag is an honor bestowed for good behavior. (Gr. 2-5).

Christopher, John. The White Mountains. Collier MacMillan, 1970.
ISBN 0-02-042710-7

This is the first book of a trilogy. The setting is the 21st Century, approximately 100 years hence. Three boys, Will, Henry and Jean-Paul rebel against the mental and physical domination of the alien Tripods. They search for a refuge in the White Mountains where others, like themselves, are attempting to establish a civilization where all can be free and the Tripods can be overthrown. (Gr. 5+).

Clark, Ella E. Indian Legends of Canada. McClelland & Stewart, 1981. (P.B.)
ISBN 0-7710-2122-4

An interesting anthology of myths and legends from the various Indian tribes of Canada. Tribal origins are indicated for each title. (Gr. 4-6).

Cleary, Beverly. Ramona the Pest. Dell, 1982. (P.B.)
ISBN 0-440-47209-1

Another humorous story about a child. Ramona is a bratty little sister to Beezus. The story is about her first experiences in kindergarten. The appeal here is a motivation to read other Cleary books like Henry and Beezus, etc. (Gr. 2-5).

Cleary, Beverly. Dear Mr. Henshaw. Dell, 1984.

A skillfully written story told in a series of letters written by a ten year old boy, Leigh Botts, to the author of his favourite book. Leigh's skill as a writer increases as he comes to terms with his distress over his divorced father's negligence. (Gr. 5-8).

Cleaver, V. & B. Where the Lillies Bloom. Nal, 1974. (P.B.)
ISBN 0-451-12292-5, AJ2292

Mary Call, the second-oldest of a family of four children, is burdened with responsibilities beyond her years. Takes place in the Appalachians. Terrific emotional appeal. (Gr. 6-8).

Clutesi, George. Son of Raven, Son of Deer. Superior, 1967. (P.B.)
ISBN 0-88826-060-1

Ancient Indian Folklore set in print by George Clutesi, himself a West Coast Indian. (Gr. 5-7).

Coerr, Eleanor. Sadako and the 1,000 Paper Cranes. Putnam, 1977. Dell, (P.B.)
ISBN 0-440-47465-5

The true story of Sadako, a twelve year old Japanese girl who dies of leukemia caused by the after-effects of the atom bomb dropped on Hiroshima. The story follows her from a carefree athletic girl, through her illness, to her death and the memorial built to her. Strong emotional impact. (Gr. 4-8).

Collodi, C. Pinocchio. (1st English translation in 1891); Illus. by Attilio Mussino. Penguin, 1974. (P.B.)
ISBN 0-14-030230-1

Unfortunately, whatever familiarity the modern child may have with this 1892 classic most often comes from having seen it emasculated in the movie version. Treat your children to the real version of the poor woodcarver's puppet who faces all the temptations of childhood, succumbs to most, learns from his follies, and gains his boyhood by selflessly giving of himself for his friends. (Gr. 4-6).

Conford, Ellen. Hail, Hail Camp Timberwood. Little Brown, 1978.
Archway, 1980 (P.B.)
ISBN 0-671-42685-0

Melanie, an only child, is sent to camp for the first time at the age of 13. Overcoming homesickness, learning to swim and ride a horse are only some of the problems she learns to deal with. Getting along with some of the other campers creates many interesting problems for her. Also meeting THE BOY makes her both happy and miserable. (Gr. 6-7).

Cooper, Susan. The Dark is Rising. Illus. by Alan E. Cober. Atheneum, 1973. ISBN 0-689-70420-8

A gripping fantasy based on a Welsh legend in which children are pitted against the forces of darkness. This Newbery winner is part of a series of five. Other titles: Over Sea, Under Stone, Greenwitch, The Grey King, Silver on the Tree. (Gr. 6+).

Corbett, Scott. The Donkey Planet. Dutton, 1979. ISBN 0-525-28825-2

Two young scientists are sent to the planet Vanaris to exchange aluminum for quundar. This is a short science fiction tale that has Corbett's fast pace. (Gr. 6+).

Craig, John. The Wormburners. Scholastic-Tab, 1975. (P.B.)

Burnt-out Coach Calladine encourages a group of under-privileged teenagers to persevere until they win a city cross-country championship. Because of their economic difficulties, winning the "nationals" is a different kind of challenge. Coach suffers an accident, the runners appear unsuccessfully before city council, but much character growth is woven into the story. (Gr.5-8).

Curry, Jane Louise. The Bassumtyte Treasure. Atheneum, 1978. ISBN 0-68950100-5

Orphaned Thomas Bassumtyte, 10 years old, goes to England to live with his cousin Thomas in the family home. After being greeted with the words "You've been a long time coming, Small Thomas, it has been four hundred years", he is plunged into a mystery involving secret rooms, mysterious rhymes and Mary Queen of Scots. Mary Queen of Scots may not be familiar to Canadian children but enough of her background is provided to assist the "colonials" in understanding and enjoying this intriguing mystery. (Gr. 5-7).

Dahl, Roald. Danny, The Champion of the World. Bantam. 1975. ISBN 0-553-15289-0

Danny lives with his father in a caravan behind the garage where he works. Father is a warm, caring person who takes care of Danny very well. He disappears one night and when he returns, Danny finds out he has been poaching pheasants. Father explains that half of the village does it and it is very exciting. Danny's scheme for poaching an enormous amount of pheasants at one time provides a hilarious conclusion to this fantasy tale. (Grade IV+).

Dahl, Roald. The Wonderful Story of Henry Sugar and Six More. Bantam, 1979.
ISBN 0-553-14264-5

Seven super stories! They cover a wide range of situations from the relationship of a boy and a giant sea turtle, through an encounter with a "fingersmith" (pick pocket) to the revelation of Roald Dahl's school days and subsequent "Lucky Break." (Gr. 7-10).

Doyle, Brian. Hey Dad! Groundwood, 1978. (Gr. 6)
ISBN 0-88899-004-9

Megan, president of the "Down with Boys Club," resents being forced to take a family trip from Ottawa to the West Coast. Typical sibling squabbles and the self-conscious worries and embarrassments of a teenage girl are both funny and touching.

Sequel:

You Can Pick Me Up at Peggy's Cove, 1979. (P.B.) (Gr. 6)
ISBN 0-88899-001-4

Doyle, Arthur Conan. Sherlock Holms Selected Stories. Oxford University Press, 1980
ISBN 0-19-281530-X

The adventures of the famous detective and his equally famous assistant, Dr. Watson. (Gr. 5+).

Duncan, L. I Know What You Did Last Summer. Archway, 1985.
ISBN 0-671-55713-0

Four teenagers try to conceal their responsibility for a hit and run accident, but they are being pursued by a mysterious stranger seeking revenge. An excellent and realistic mystery story. (Gr. 7-8).

Engdahl, Sylvia Louise. Enchantress From the Stars. Atheneum, 1970.
ISBN 0-689-70309-0

Superior beings monitor other planets. A novel that explores 3 worlds at different stages of development. (Gr. 5-9).

Estes, Eleanor. The Hundred Dresses. Harcourt, 1974. (P.B.)
ISBN 0-15-642350-2

Wanda Petronski comes from the wrong side of the tracks and is the object of the class jokes until her classmates sadly realize their awful mistake and cruelty. But by then it's too late.

Related Books:

Hermes, Patricia. What If They Knew. Dell, 1981. (P.B.)
ISBN 0-440-49515-6 (Gr. 3)

Sachs, Marilyn. Bear's House. Doubleday, 1971.
ISBN 0-385-03363-X (Gr. 3)

Farley, Walter. Black Stallion. Hodder, 1975.
ISBN 0-340-19687-4

A story of high adventure and of the special relationship between a boy and a horse. (Gr. 4-7).

Farrar, Susan Clement. Samantha On Stage. Dial, 1979.
ISBN HC 0-8037-7574-1 PLB 0-8037-7577-6

Samantha Scott is eleven years old and ballet class is a very important part of her life. She has always been able to shine without exceptional effort or long hours of practice. The arrival of a young Russian student who has been studying at the Bolshoi Academy proves to be upsetting. Eventually the two girls become friends and learn a great deal from each other. (Gr. 6-8).

Fitzgerald, J.D. Great Brain. Dell, 1971. PBK.
ISBN 0-440-43071-2

A humorous story of a 10-year-old boy (at the turn of the Century), who uses his "great brain" to get money from his friends and to help his friends in trouble. (Gr. 4-6).

Fleischman, Sid. McBroom's Ear. Little Brown Co., 1982. PBK
ISBN 0-316-28540-4

A farmer's crops are raided by grasshoppers just days before the fair, but they manage to save one ear of corn which wins all the prizes and then pops when the fair is all over. (Gr. 3-5).

Garfield, James. B. Follow My Leader. Viking, 1957.
ISBN 0-670-32332-2

Eleven-year-old Jimmy Carter is blinded when a friend, Mike Adams, accidentally tosses a firecracker at him. Jimmy and his friends blame Mike for the accident. As punishment, they ignore him. While Jimmy attends a special school to learn how to use a guide dog, he has a talk with Mack, his roommate. Their conversation leads Jimmy to wonder whether he might be wrong to hold a grudge against Mike, Jimmy comes home with Leader, his guide dog, and bravely returns to school.

The author's own blindness contributes insight to the feelings of the main character in this story. The training of the blind person with his guide dog is described in detail. This story will be useful in helping a newly blinded child accept his loss of sight, as well as in giving a sighted child an understanding of the world of the blind. (Gr. 7-9).

Garner, Alan. The Owl Service. Collins, 1973. (P.B.)
ISBN 0-00-670-670693-2

Strange happenings when owls, painted on dinner plates, vanish. Three children become involved in traditional hostilities. The story is a complex of attractions and hostilities between persons, classes, myth and modern day reality. (Gr. 6+).

Gates, Doris. Blue Willow. Penguin, 1976. (P.B.)
ISBN 0-14-030924-1

Ever since dust and drought had driven them out of northern Texas, the Larkins had traveled hither and yon. Janey wished intensely that when asked, "How long are you going to stay?" she might answer, "As long as we want to....Her desire is finally fulfilled and Janey's most cherished possession, the blue willow plate, is brought forth from its wrappings to grace the mantlepiece.

George, J.C. Julie of the Wolves. Penguin, 1976. (P.B.)
ISBN 0-14-030832-6

A 13-year-old Eskimo girl, Julie, leaves her home to find her friend in San Francisco. On her journey she is befriended by a wolf pack. Through her hardships she realizes it is best for her to stay and live as an Eskimo. (Also listed as a novel for study at grade 7.) (Gr. 5-8).

Godden, Rumer. The Rocking-Horse Secret. Viking, 1978.
ISBN 0-670-60243-4

A lonely little girl, whose mother is the caretaker of a big lovely home, is snubbed by the nieces of the deceased owner. The little girl yearns for an old house, and finds the well in the rocking-horse. A logical ending. Children like it--all the ingredients of a happy mystery. (Gr. 5).

Greene, Constance C. Al(Exandra) The Great. Dell, 1983.
ISBN 0-440-40350-2

Al(exandra) is to spend time with her father and his new family, but when her mother is hospitalized with pneumonia Al struggles with worry for her mother and her desire to still visit with her father. (Gr.4-7).

Haley, Gail. A Story, A Story; An African Tale. Methuen, 1972. (P.B.)
ISBN 0-416-75190-3

The origin of Ananse the Spider.

How African "spider stories" began is traced back to the time when Ananse, The Spider Man, made a bargain with the Sky God. Caldecott Medal, 1971. (Gr.3-6).

Harris, Christie. Once Upon A Totem. McClelland, 1978. (P.B.)
ISBN 0-7710-3992-1

Collection of West Coast Indian legends. (Gr.5).

Haugaard, Eric C. Hakon of Rogen's Saga. Houghton, 1973. (P.B.)
ISBN 0-395-16037-5

Heroic Viking epic of enslavement, escape and revenge. Through his uncle's treachery, orphaned Hakon is temporarily deprived of his birthright to Rogen Island in Norway during the time of the Vikings. Sequel: A Slave's Tale. (Gr. 6+).

Haycraft, Howard. Boys Second Book of Great Detective Stories. Harper Jr., 1940.
ISBN 0-06-022255-7

This book provides an excellent panorama of classic detective stories by such famous writers as Edgar Allan Poe and G. K. Chesterton. A super book for reading aloud to a class. (Gr. 6-8).

Haywood, Carolyn. Eddie's Menagerie. Archway, 1980. (P.B.)
ISBN 0-686-85645-7

Eddie becomes a volunteer detective at Mr. Cornball's pet shop. He has many experiences with animals, his friends at school, his family and Mr. & Mrs. Cornball. After a fire at the pet shop, at the end of the story, he acquired cats, rabbits and a bird in addition to the dogs, chameleon and horse already at the Wilson home. (Gr. 3+).

Heide, Florence P. The Shrinking of Treehorn. Holiday House, 1971.
ISBN 0-8234-0189-8

No one--not Mom, Dad, friend, teacher or principal--pays any attention as Treehorn shrinks. He regains his normal size through his own efforts, and again everyone is really too busy to care. May lead to some discussion about children in an adult world. (all ages).

Heinlein, R. Rocket Ship Galileo. Ballantyne, 1985. (P.B.)
ISBN 0-345-32743-8

This book was published in 1947. The story of three boys who accompany a scientist on a rocketship flight to the moon. Interesting to compare this earlier story with the real flights to the moon. (Gr. 5-8).

Herzig, Alison C. A Word To The Wise. Little, 1978.
ISBN 0-316-35898-3

Willie and his friends in the "O" Group resent being treated like dummies and losers, forced to sit in stupid little chairs, reading boring little books. When they accidentally find a thesaurus, the teacher's attitude riles them into stealing it. Each child takes a turn with the book. How the use of the thesaurus changes the life of each member of the "O" Group makes a super story. (Gr. 4-7).

Henry, Marguerite. King Of The Wind. Illustrated by Wesley Dennis. Rand, 1976. (P.B.)
ISBN 0-528-87686-4

The infusion of Arabian blood into English racing. The horse, Godolphin Arabian, ancester of Man O'War and founder of the thoroughbred strain. Newberry Award, 1949. (Gr. 4-5).

Also Use:

Henry, Marguerite. Black Gold. Rand, 1957.
ISBN 0-528-87688-0

Henry, Marguerite. Born to Trot. Rand, 1950. (P.B.)
ISBN 0-528-87684-8

Henry, Marguerite. Misty of Chincotiague. Rand, 1947.
ISBN 0-528-87685-6

Hicks, Clifford. Alvin Fernald, Mayor For A Day. Archway, 1971. (P.B.)
ISBN 0-671-29942-5

Alvin and his classmates find out more than they bargained for when they take over the city administration for a day. Will lead readers, also, to enjoy Hick's other books about Alvin Fernald. (Gr. 4-6).

Hildick, E.W. McGurk Gets Good and Mad. Macmillan, 1982.
ISBN 0-02-743890-2

Plans for the McGurk Detective Organization's First Annual Open House go awry when a diabolical saboteur sets out to discredit the team. (Gr. 4-7).

Hill, Kay. Badger, The Mischief-Maker. McClelland, 1978.
ISBN 0-7710-4109-8

He brought trouble wherever he went, but his charm brought forgiveness even from Glooscap. (Gr. 4).

Holling, Holling C. Paddle-To-The-Sea. Houghton Mifflin, 1941. (P.B.)
ISBN 0-395-29203-4

Far north on the shore of Lake Nipigon, an Indian boy carved a person in a small canoe. Underneath he carved "Please put be back in water. I am Paddle-to-the Sea." This book tells the adventure of the small canoe as it travels along from its launching until it finally reaches the Atlantic Ocean. (Gr. 3-5).

Hughes, Monica. Ring-Rise, Ring-Set. Magnet, 1983. (P.B.)
ISBN 0-416-22930-1

What would happen if the world were thrown into another ice age? Lize discovers that technological solutions have many unforseen costs, as she throws her lot in with an Inuit band forced to confront not only the ice age, but also the world of science. (Gr. 6-7).

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